

Remarks

Claims 1-40 are pending. Claim 10 has been amended to more clearly define the particular claimed embodiment. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, at page 7, lines 13-16.

Restriction Requirement

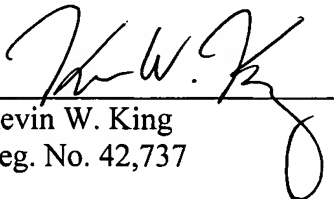
The Office Action divided claims 1-40 into three groups: Group I, claims 1-24, drawn to a microchip device array; Group II, claims 1 and 25-31, drawn to a method of delivering drug molecules; and Group III, claims 1 and 32-40, drawing to a method of sensing a molecule. Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1-24.

Information Disclosure Statement

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, applicants herewith re-submit copies of the "other references" cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated April 9, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request examination of the claims proceed on the merits.

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